JEFFREY D. CAWDREY (SBN: 120488) KIMBERLY D. HOWATT (SBN: 196921) 1al AUG -5 AM 10: 519 2 GORDON & REES LLP 101 W. Broadway, Suite 2000 3 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: (619) 696-6700 4 Facsimile: (619) 696-7124 DEPUTY jcawdrey@gordonrees.com 5 khowatt@gordonrees.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation; REAL ESTATE TRAINING INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a Delaware limited 7 liability company; ARMANDO MONTELONGO COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation; and ARMANDO MONTELONGO, JR., an individual 8 1 CV 1 7 4 7 BEN NLS 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 CASE NO. [Unassigned] 11 PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE GROUP, INC., a Nevada corporation; REAL ESTATE West Broadway, Suite 2000 San Diego, CA 92101 PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR: 12 TRAINING INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Gordon & Rees LLP 1. BREACH OF CONTRACT 13 ARMANDO MONTELONGO COMPANIES. (DAMAGES AND/OR SPECIFIC INC., a Delaware corporation; and ARMANDO 14 PERFORMANCE); MONTELONGO, JR., an individual; 2. BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING; 15 Plaintiffs, 3. UNJUST ENRICHMENT; 4. DECLARATORY RELIEF 16 VS. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 17 PETER G. PEREZ, an individual; and LINDA D. PEREZ, an individual, [CONFIDENTIAL – FILED 18 CONDITIONALLY UNDER SEAL Defendants. 19 20 21 COMES NOW plaintiffs PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE GROUP, INC., a Nevada 22 corporation; REAL ESTATE TRAINING INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a Delaware limited 23 liability company; ARMANDO MONTELONGO COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation; 24 and ARMANDO MONTELONGO, JR., an individual (collectively "MONTELONGO" or 25 "Plaintiffs") and hereby alleges and asserts as against defendants PETER G. PEREZ, an 26 individual; and LINDA D. PEREZ, an individual (collectively "Defendants") as follows: 27

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THE PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Plaintiff PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE GROUP, INC. (individually "PAG") is and at all relevant times was a Nevada corporation authorized to do business in the State of California and in this District.
- 2. Plaintiff REAL ESTATE TRAINING INTERNATIONAL, LLC (individually "RETI") is and at all relevant times was a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of California and in this District. RETI is, at times and at times relevant in the present matter, an agent of PAG.
- 3. Plaintiff ARMANDO MONTELONGO COMPANIES, Inc. (individually "AMC") is and at all relevant times was a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of California and in this District. AMC is the owner and shareholder of PAG and RETI.
- 4. Plaintiff ARMANDO MONTELONGO, JR. (individually "Armando Montelongo") is an individual and resident of the State of Texas.
- 5. Defendant PETER G. PEREZ (individually, "Mr. Perez") is an individual. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Mr. Perez is a resident of the State of New York.
- 6. Defendant LINDA D. PEREZ (individually, "Mrs. Perez") is an individual. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Mrs. Perez is a resident of the State of New York.
- 7. Upon information and belief, at all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants was the agent of each of the other Defendants, and, in doing the things herein alleged, was acting within the course and scope of such agency, and with the permission and the consent of its Co-Defendants.
- 8. Jurisdiction in this court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and the subject dispute is between citizens of different states.
- 9. Venue is proper in this judicial district. Plaintiffs PAG, RETI, and AMC have conducted business in this judicial district and Plaintiffs and Defendants have entered a

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contractual agreement that requires that the venue for any disputes relative to same be litigated in the State of California and in this District; thus Defendants expected or reasonably should have expected their acts to have consequence in the State of California and within this judicial district, therefore subjecting Defendants to the jurisdiction of this Court.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- PAG, RETI, and AMC are a part of the family of companies run by celebrity real 10. estate investor Armando Montelongo, which offers a wide variety of real estate investment education seminars, publications, packages, and tools, including education on "flipping" houses, for purchase by the general public nationwide.
- Plaintiffs' offerings include, among others, a "Master Mentor Program," which 11. includes the provision of a individual mentor to guide and assist the purchaser in his or her real estate investment and "flipping" efforts; a "3-Day Seminar," which includes three days of informational presentations on various topics relevant to real estate investing and "flipping"; and, a "Bus Tour Package," which involves an energetic, informational, and practical multiple-day bus tour and presentation focused on real estate investment opportunities, strategies, and encouragement.
- Plaintiffs have also published various books, blogs, and informational programs, 12. likewise aimed at teaching people about real estate investment and "flipping" and conveying anecdotes from Mr. Montelongo's own experiences in investing in real estate and his rags-toriches background. Plaintiffs also offer a free 1-day seminar to provide an initial level of education and to introduce people to their other education opportunities.
- Unlike some businesses in today's market, Plaintiffs stand firmly by the quality 13. and value of the goods and services that they offer, and genuinely want their clients to succeed. Indeed, many, many of Plaintiffs' clients have applied themselves and put in the effort required in real estate investment, and have been, and continue to be, immensely successful.
- Both Defendants claim to have experience as real estate agents, as well 14. experience in owning and rehabilitating properties, owning rental properties, and property management.

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- 15. In or about September 2010, Defendants attended one of Plaintiffs' free seminars in Albany, New York. At such seminar, they decided to purchase, and did purchase, tuition for the 3-Day Seminar. At the 3-Day Seminar, Defendants decided and proceeded to purchase Plaintiffs' Bus Tour Package. In December 2010, after being exposed to what Defendants referred to as "a wealth of business and tax strategies" in Plaintiffs' seminars, Defendants elected to purchase from Plaintiffs a Master Mentor Program.
- Defendants projected an assertive and confident plan for investing in and 16. "flipping" houses, projecting that they would start by flipping houses at a rate of 1 per month, then 1 every three weeks by the end of the year. In their second year of this plan, they would flip 1 house every two weeks, and by the third year, they would be flipping 2 houses per week
- At one point, Defendants offered to sell their testimonials to Plaintiffs for \$5,000 17. each – an offer that Plaintiffs neither solicited nor accepted.
- In or about March 2011, Defendants suddenly and inexplicably encountered 18. "buyers' remorse" relative to the Master Mentor Program, only, and decided they wanted their money back for this individual purchase. While they failed to comply with the contractual terms for a reimbursement, these circumstances led to the contract attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement"). Defendants specifically maintained, however, their Bus Tour Package.
- In or about June 2011, Defendants evidently decided that they could usurp the 19. benefits of the valuable education obtained from Plaintiffs thus far, while demanding the return of the purchase price through, in essence, extortion.
- To this end, Defendants contacted Plaintiffs and threatened to publically 20. disseminate, issue, transmit, publish, and/or disclose a series of defamatory, disparaging, negative documents, correspondence, and/or writings about Plaintiffs and their products and services in the public forum, including but not limited to the Internet, television, and consumer entities. Indeed, Defendants not only threatened such conduct, but indicated that their conduct to this regard was imminent if they were not paid a sum certain.
- Such conduct, aside from its blatant wrongfulness, if not illegality, is expressly 21. precluded by Paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(As Against All Defendants)

- Plaintiffs refer to and incorporate herein by this reference each and every 22. allegation in the foregoing paragraphs, as well as those that follow, as though fully set forth herein.
- A bilateral contract exists between PAG and Defendants, and for the express 23. intentional benefit of RETI, AMC, and Armando Montelongo. In or about March 2011, plaintiff PAG and Defendants entered into the written Agreement, the substantive terms of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Plaintiffs RETI, AMC, and Armando Montelongo are express intended beneficiaries of the Agreement, as reflected in Paragraphs 3 and 5 thereof.
- Plaintiffs have performed and/or substantially performed each and every one of 24. the conditions required of them under the Agreement. To the extent any conditions have not been performed, such performance has been excused.
- Defendants have expressly repudiated their promises in the Agreement, 25. particularly that set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Agreement prior to such performance is due. As described above, Defendants have stated to Plaintiffs that they intend to breach the Agreement, and specifically, Paragraph 5 thereof. Plaintiffs have asserted to Defendants the authority of the Agreement, which Defendants have disregarded and continue to state their repudiation of the Agreement.
- In addition, Defendants have admitted that they failed to destroy a certain 26. "complaint" document they had prepared, in accord with Paragraph 5 of the Agreement, and thus are in actual breach of the Agreement.
- As a result of Defendants' breach and/or anticipated breach of contract, Plaintiffs 27. have sustained significant damages, including but not limited to the consideration in the Agreement and expenses, damages to goodwill and business reputation, and other losses relative thereto, in a total amount to be established according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

- 28. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs seek Defendants' specific performance under and in accord with the terms of the Agreement, or in the alternative, the Agreement is hereby terminated and rescinded, warranting Defendants' return of consideration to Plaintiffs.
- 29. In addition, because Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' actions unless such are restrained and enjoined by this Court, and because Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law with respect to this injury, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing (As Against All Defendants)

- 30. Plaintiffs refer to and incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs, as well as those that follow, as though fully set forth herein.
- 31. In every contract, including the Agreement, there is an implied promise of good faith and fair dealing, i.e., that each party will not do anything to unfairly interfere with the right of any other party to receive the benefits of the contract.
- 32. Defendants have unfairly interfered with Plaintiffs' right to receive benefits under the Agreement by, but not limited to, the conduct set forth above. Plaintiffs have been harmed by Defendants' conduct, in this regard.
- 33. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained significant damages, in an amount to be established according to proof at the time of trial, and in the excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF Unjust Enrichment (As Against All Defendants)

34. Plaintiffs refer to and incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs, as well as those that follow, as though fully set forth herein.

- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the actions and conduct of Defendants, as described herein, Defendants have been, and will continue to be, unjustly enriched at the expense and to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
- 36. So as not to be unjustly enriched by and through their own wrongful actions and conduct, as described herein, Defendants should be divested of all monies, products, and materials produced by and/or that they received from Plaintiffs under the Agreement and otherwise, and such should be immediately relinquished to Plaintiffs.
- 37. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have sustained significant damages, in an amount to be established according to proof at the time of trial, and in the excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court..

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Declaratory Relief (As Against All Defendants)

- 38. Plaintiffs refer to and incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs, as well as those that follow, as though fully set forth herein.
- 39. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants relating to their respective rights, obligations, and interests relative to the Agreement.
- 40. Plaintiffs contend that Defendants have voluntarily and contractually waived the right to publically disseminate, issue, transmit, publish, and/or disclose a series of defamatory, disparaging, negative documents, correspondence, and/or writings about Plaintiffs and their products and services in the public forum.
- Defendants, nonetheless, and even above Plaintiffs' reference and direction of Defendants to the Agreement, continue to threaten to publically disseminate, issue, transmit, publish, and/or disclose a series of defamatory, disparaging, negative documents, correspondence, and/or writings about Plaintiffs and their products and services in the public forum, including but not limited to the Internet, television, and consumer entities.

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43. Plaintiffs further seek a preliminary and permanent injunction to preclude Defendants from breaching the Agreement, and in particular, from publically disseminating, issuing, transmitting, publishing, and/or disclosing any defamatory, disparaging, negative documents, correspondence, and/or writings about Plaintiffs and/or their products and services in the public forum, including but not limited to the Internet, television, and consumer entities.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Court enter judgment in its favor, and against Defendants, as follows:

- 1. An order requiring Defendants to specifically perform under and in accord with the terms of the Agreement;
- 2. A preliminary and permanent injunction against Defendants, precluding them from breaching the Agreement, and in particular, from publically disseminating, issuing, transmitting, publishing, and/or disclosing any defamatory, disparaging, negative documents, correspondence, and/or writings about Plaintiffs and/or their products and services in the public forum, including but not limited to the Internet, television, and consumer entities;
 - 3. A declaration as to the parties' respective rights and duties under the Agreement;
- 4. Rescission of the Agreement and Defendants' return to Plaintiffs of the consideration paid thereunder and other materials, good, or products received therefrom;
- 5. An award to Plaintiffs of their actual damages according to proof at the time of trial, plus pre- and post-judgment interest thereon at the legal rate;
- 6. An award to Plaintiffs of their costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees in this action pursuant to all applicable laws and the Agreement; and,
 - 7. Such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: August 4, 2011 GORDON & REES LLP

By: Jeffrey D. Cawdrey
Kimberly D. Howatt
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Gordon & Rees LLP 101 West Broadway, Suite 2000 San Diego, CA 92101 AMON/1059748/10262724v.1

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

This is an Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") by and between the Performance Advantage Group, Inc. ("the Company"), and Peter G. Perez and Linda D. Perez, (collectively, "the Perezes"), together referred to herein as "the Parties."

RECITALS

- A. A certain dispute exists between the Perezes and the Company concerning and limited to the Perezes' purchase of and participation in the "Master Mentor Program" from the Company on December 5, 2010 in Ontario California (the "Dispute").
- B. The Company denies, generally and specifically, all of the claims, assertions, and allegations made by the Perezes arising from, in the course of, and relative to the Dispute and their purchase of and participation in the "Master Mentor Program."
- C. The Parties have agreed to resolve their differences arising from and related to the Perezes' purchase of and participation in the "Master Mentor Program," including the Dispute, upon the terms stated in this Agreement.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

THEREFORE, for consideration of the performance of this Agreement as provided, the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein, and the mutual covenants, the Company and the Perezes agree as follows:

- 1. No Admission of Liability. The Parties agree that neither this Agreement nor the performance of the acts required by it constitute an admission of liability, culpability, negligence or wrongdoing on the part of anyone, and will not be construed for any purpose as an admission of liability, culpability, negligence or wrongdoing. The Parties specifically acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is a compromise of disputed claims and that the Company denies any liability to the Perezes.
- 2. <u>Settlement Payment</u>. Upon both Parties' full and complete execution of this Agreement, the Company shall rebate to the Perezes a total amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars U.S.). Within I business day of the Company's receipt of the Perezes' signed version of this Agreement, as set forth in paragraph 4, the Company will wire transfer the full amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars U.S.) to the Perezes' bank account as follows:

First Niagara Bank 341 Main Street Catskill, New York 12414 518 943 3600 Bank Routing Number - 222370440 Bank Account Number - 3381326564

- 3. General Release. Upon receiving the payment identified in paragraph 2 of this Agreement and a fully executed copy of same, the Perezes fully and forever release and discharge the Company, including its owners, shareholders, officers, employees, and agents, and specifically, but without limitation, Carilee Ellis, Miranda Hart, Todd Thorpe, Kyle Handy, Alyxce Austin, Paul Montelongo, and Armando Montelongo, Jr., with respect to any and all claims, liabilities and causes of action, of every nature, kind and description, in law, equity or otherwise regarding the Master Mentor Program and these releasees.
- 4. <u>Delivery of Signatures</u>. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, through facsimile signatures or signatures delivered via electronic mail, which shall be deemed treated as though signed as one document and the signatures deemed effective as originals upon delivery. Within one (1) business day of receipt of two (2) signed originals of this Agreement from the Perezes by the Company, the Company agrees to send to the Perezes one fully executed original of this Agreement via overnight mail to the following address:

Peter and Linda Perez 24 Jurassic Park Road Catskill, New York 12414

- 5. Nondisparagement. Upon payment of the monies set forth in paragraph 2 and delivery of signatures as set forth in paragraph 4, the Perezes agree that they, or either of them, will not make any public statements, written or oral, that defame, disparage, or discuss in a negative manner the releasees in paragraph 3 or their products or services, nor will they, or either of them, publically disseminate, issue, transmit, publish, or disclose any documents, correspondence, or writings which do or would, in any way defame, disparage, discuss in a negative manner the releasees in paragraph 3 or their products or services, specifically including, but without limitation, the 17-page "complaint" prepared thereby (which will be destroyed in due course by the Perezes as will any and all telephone recordings of or relating to the Company), in any public forum including, but not limited to; the Internet, radio, or television. The Company agrees that it will not effectuate any notifications or opinions in order to negatively impact the Perezes' credit, businesses, or personal affairs.
- 6. Covenant Concerning Filing of Actions, Claims, or Complaints. The Parties represent that, as of the date of this Agreement, neither of them, respectively, has filed any lawsuits, complaints, petitions, claims or other accusatory pleadings against the other or in any state or federal court or with any legal, governmental, or consumer agency, and the Perezes represent and warrant that they, or either of them, will not do so relative to the Dispute or the "Master Mentor Program" in the future, upon payment of the monies set forth in paragraph 2 and delivery of signatures as set forth in paragraph 4.
- 7. Confidentiality. The Perezes agree to keep the terms, provisions, nature, and contents of this Agreement, as well as the events, circumstances and negotiations giving rise to it, strictly and completely confidential, and shall not divulge the terms, provisions, nature or contents of this Agreement, or the events, circumstances, and negotiations giving rise to it, unless compelled by law to do so. If asked by third parties about the Dispute, this Agreement, or the Master Mentor Program, the Perezes, or either of them, shall say that they have no comment, or that they are unable to discuss it, or other words that are substantively to that effect. The

Company agrees to treat this Agreement and all other information about the Perezes in its possession as confidential. If the Parties, or any of them, is compelled by legal request, subpoena, or court order to divulge this Agreement and/or any documents, communications, or testimony regarding the Dispute, he/she/it shall give written notice to the other Party or Parties no less than ten (10) business days before any such documents, communications, or testimony are due pursuant to the legal request, subpoena, or court order, so as to allow the subject Party or Parties to take the appropriate legal action. If less than ten (10) days is permitted between the date of the legal request, subpoena, or court order and the due date of the response thereto, such notice will be given as soon as reasonably possible so as to effectuate the terms, meaning, and spirit of this provision.

- 8. Severance of Business Relationship. Upon the full and complete execution of the Agreement, the Parties shall sever their business relationship regarding the Master Mentor Program and the Company, completely and permanently, and neither shall have any further obligations to the other beyond that set forth in this Agreement and a fully executed copy of same, whether in the form of payments, services, products, communications, mentoring, or other business dealings, and the Perezes shall cease all further business contact with the Company, including but not limited to Carilee Ellis, Miranda Hart, Todd Thorpe, Kyle Handy, Alyxce Austin, Paul Montelongo, and the mentors, employees, and members of the Company as are known to the Perezes.
- 9. <u>Integrated Agreement</u>. The Parties acknowledge and agree that no promises or representations were made to them which do not appear written herein and that this Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties on the subject matter thereof.
- 10. <u>California Law</u>. The Parties agree that this Agreement and its terms shall be construed under California law, and venue for any legal disputes shall be in Southern California.
- 11. <u>Drafting</u>. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed without regard to the drafter of the same and shall be construed as though each Party to this Agreement participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Agreement.
- 12. <u>Enforceability</u>. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed enforceable to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law. If a provision of this Agreement is held invalid under any applicable law, such invalidity will not affect any other provision of this Agreement and such invalid provision will be deemed modified to the extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable or, if such provision cannot be so modified, it will be deemed deleted from this Agreement.
- 13. <u>Voluntary Execution/Authority</u>. The Perezes hereby acknowledge that they have read and understand this Agreement and that they sign this Agreement voluntarily and without coercion, and has had all option and opportunity to consult with counsel of their choosing. The Perezes further represent and warrant that each has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Perezes on whose behalf they sign.

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WHEREFORE, THE FOREGOING IS SO AGREED.

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- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348: Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service unless diversity. Example:

Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. VII.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

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